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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Wellhead Protection Grants Available

CARSON CITY – The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has approximately \$250,000 in grant funding available to help Nevada communities, Indian tribes and public water systems develop and implement wellhead protection plans to protect underground sources of drinking water.

Those who complete the plans are also eligible for plan-implementation funds for projects such as:

- Well and well-house protection (e.g. fences and bollards);
- Arsenic management, including development of alternatives for meeting the new Federal arsenic standards for drinking water;
- Abandoned well inventories;
- Land use management near wells;
- Home waste collection programs;
- Community mailings regarding groundwater protection;
- Drinking water education programs in public schools;
- "Drinking Water Protection Area" signage.

NDEP has sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) and a proposal template to its mailing list of more than 500 communities, public water systems and tribal representatives in Nevada, soliciting their grant applications. The RFP and proposal templates are also available on NDEP's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/index.htm> . The deadline for submitting the proposals is May 19, 2006.

For more information of the grants program, contact: Nevan Kane, CEM Hydrologist, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701, (775) 687-9426.

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